

Berkshire Intergroup Minutes

September 13, 2021

Roll Call: In Attendance: Karen (BIG Chair), Susan B (BIG Co-Chair), Larry (BIG Office Mgr), Paula (Pitts Tue Women's Step, Nick (Ray of Hope), Tom (District 3 Co-DCM), Elaine (GB Nooner), Mike (Area 31 Alt Delegate), Joan (So Berk Group), and Nancy (GB Thu Night Women's Group).

Secretary absent: Joan P offered to take notes.

Previous minutes were approved.

Office Manager's Report, Larry: Everything is well in the office. New Tuesday night volunteer ~ Paula C. The landlord put all new windows in the office and replaced lighting. Larry is looking for input about requests for books after large order has already been placed (which keeps shipping costs down). Will bring up as new business.

Treasurer absent: Mike M emailed the report to everyone. No questions – so report was approved. (Treasure's report is attached in this email)

Website Report, Karen: The original calendar has been re-installed. Meeting information that has been reported has been updated, although not many changes have been sent.

Institutions not present.

District 3, Co-DCM Report, Tom: There has been some conversation about possibly making the district meeting hybrid...possibly renting space from Berkshire Intergroup and offering hybrid meeting. The next District 3 meeting was held September 17th.

Area 31 Alt Delegate Report, Mike B:

- Our Delegate Paul's last rotation for attending District meetings is Oct, Nov, Dec...last opportunity to see him as our Delegate and thank him for his service.
- MA State Convention planning meeting is virtual and will be on Sept 28th on Zoom at 7 pm.

Meeting ID: 830 5148 9605

Passcode: 091682

- 57th Annual MA State Convention will be virtual on:
 - ~ November 13th, Saturday: 8 am to 8 pm (6:30 pm guest speaker)
 - ~ November 14th, Sunday: 8 am to 11 am(Program Committee meets virtually at 10 am, Saturday. If you want to join, email Area 31 Alt Delegate, Mike at altdelegate@area31aa.org.
- Area 31 Fall Service Assembly will be virtual & in person on Oct 16th and 17th in Brimfield. Saturday will feature five workshops on five different AA Concepts with a pizza lunch from 12 pm to 1 pm. Sunday will feature the area business meeting followed directly by the election of the next group of area officers.

~ Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86815810471?pwd=a1o4TlVwbWVWFEB3Zkclh6dz09\(link is external\)](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86815810471?pwd=a1o4TlVwbWVWFEB3Zkclh6dz09(link%20is%20external))

~ Meeting ID: 868 1581 0471

~ Password: 173419

~~ In Person Location: Brimfield Hitchcock Academy
 2 Brookfield Road
 Brimfield, MA

~ Sat, Oct 16- 10:00am to 4:00pm / Sun, Oct 17 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

- October 2nd Accessibilities Virtual Workshop 1 pm-3 pm
Come hear speakers talk about who is missing in the rooms and how to make meetings more accessible for everyone!
Meeting ID: 827 4831 2579
Passcode: 66476
- Western MA Intergroup will be hosting an Alkathon at 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke on December 24th and 25th. More information can be found on www.area31aa.org.
- Grapevine is having a photo contest – anything AA related. They will be picking a winner Nov/Dec. You can email photos to grapevine@area31aa.org.

Berkshire Intergroup Chair Report, Karen: Karen has been attending the area and district meetings. No new news.

Berkshire Intergroup Co-Chair Report, Susan: August's newsletter was emailed to 115 people. Some people have reported that they are reading them at their business meetings. If you any information that you'd like to submit, contact Susan B at:
berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com

Old Business: After some discussion, the idea to organize a “watch group” to participate together during the MA 57th State Convention has been re-evaluated. As restrictions (due to Covid) are resurfacing, we have tabled the idea.

New Business: Discussion ensued regarding how to address when people are looking for literature or coins after a big order has been placed. Many ideas were flushed out:

- Raise price on coins- the prices have been the same for quite some time
- Build shipping costs into the budget/prices
- See if we can order from Western MA Intergroup

A motion was made (and accepted) to table the discussion until our treasurer is present.

- Talked briefly about Alkathon for Christmas and New Year's – possibly on Zoom or hybrid. More discussion will follow.

Motion to adjourn/approved. Meeting closed at 8:09